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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

2014 (Ph.D.) in Moral Theology/Christian Ethics
Doctoral Adviser: Jean Porter

University of Toronto, Regis College

2009 (M.A.) in Theology

University of Toronto, St. Michael's College

2005 (B.A.) in Philosophy, Christianity and Culture (double major)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Catholic University of America, School of Theology and Religious Studies

Assistant Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics (tenure-track)
(Jan 2017-present)

Cambridge University, Faculty of Divinity

3-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship as Research Associate in Theological Ethics
(Sept 2014-Jan 2017)

Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund's College, Cambridge

Research Associate in Theological Ethics (honourary/non-residential)
(Spring 2015-present)

BOOKS

Hope and Christian Ethics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, August 2017)

Reviewed in: *Theological Studies*, *AAR (Reading Religion)*, *Studies in Christian Ethics*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, *Pro Ecclesia*, *New Blackfriars*, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, *The Thomist*, and elsewhere

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Hope as a Virtue,” in *Hope Today* (Wipf and Stock, The Pro Ecclesia Series, forthcoming)

“The Divine Commandments in Moral Theology,” in *The Achievement of David Novak: A Catholic-Jewish Dialogue*, ed. Matthew Levering (Festschrift volume, Wipf and Stock, Spring 2021)

“Hope in Theology,” in *Historical and Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Hope* (New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co., July 2020)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“The Growth of the Infused Virtues,” *Proceedings of the XI International Thomistic Congress*, The Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the Thomistic Institute of the Angelicum (accepted, 2022).

“Moral Growth in *Amoris Laetitia* Chapter 8,” in *Journal of Moral Theology* (June 2019)

“The Anthropologies of Hope and Despair: Disability and the Euthanasia Debate,” in *Journal of Disability and Religion* 22:2 (Fall 2018): 1-16.

“Institutionalizing Inequality: The Physical Criterion of Assisted Suicide,” in *Christian Bioethics* 24.1 (Spring 2018): 17-37.

“The Turn to Classification in Virtue Ethics: A Review Essay,” in *Studies in Christian Ethics* 29.4 (November 2016): 477–488.

“Defining the Relationship Between Health and Well-being in Bioethics,” in *The New Bioethics* 22.1 (Spring 2016): 4-17.

“The Theological Virtue of Hope and the Art of Dying,” in *Studies in Christian Ethics* 29.3 (Summer 2016): 301-307.

“The Christian as *Homo Viator*: a Resource in Thomas Aquinas for Overcoming ‘Worldly Sin and Sorrow,’” in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 34.2 (Fall/Winter 2015): 101-121.

“Passing Through the Sirens: The Trials of the Christian Wayfarer in the World,” in *Touchstone* 25.4 (July/August 2012): 34-39.
Awarded \$4000 for winning the Templeton Foundation’s Character Project Essay and Book Prize Competition

BOOK REVIEWS

“Virtue and Grace in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas,” *The Thomist* (forthcoming 2022)

“Cultivating Virtue,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (forthcoming).

“Ethics of Everyday Life: Moral Theology, Social Anthropology and the Imagination of the Human,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (forthcoming).

"Oliver O'Donovan, *Entering into Rest: Ethics as Theology*, Volume 3," in *Studies in Christian Ethics* 31.4 (Nov. 2018): 493-496.

"The Evolution of Hope: Theological Metaethics in the Context of Evolution," in *Theology* 119.6 (November-December 2016): 452-453.

"The Politics of Practical Reason: Why Theological Ethics Must Change Your Life," in the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 35.2 (Fall/Winter 2015): 218-219.

"Intractable Disputes about the Natural Law: Alasdair MacIntyre and Critics" (book review) in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 27.1 (Spring 2011): 124-126. [A revised version of the 2010 review in the Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Newsletter].

"Intractable Disputes about the Natural Law: Alasdair MacIntyre and Critics" (book review), in *Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Newsletter* 1.1 (Spring 2010): 12-13.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Growth of the Infused Virtues," XIth International Thomistic Congress Proposal, Angelicum, Rome, September 2022

"'Spiritual Training' and Virtue Growth in Aquinas," Notre Dame *Conference on The Infused virtue and The Gifts in Aquinas*, University of Notre Dame, June 2022, co-organized by David Elliot, William Mattison, and Angela Knobel

"Aquinas on the Growth of Infused Virtue," 2021 International Congress on Medieval Studies, Thomistic Session, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2021

"Hope" (joint presentation with Prof. Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge), School of Theology and Prayer, Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes, Washington, DC, Dec 2019

"Theological Hope in Multidisciplinary Perspective" in *Historical and Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Hope*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), June 2019

"Engaging The Sermon on the Mount and Moral Theology: a Virtue Perspective," Pinckaers Symposium of Moral Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 2019

"The Nature and Experience of the Commandments," in *The Achievement of David Novak: A Catholic-Jewish Dialogue*, Mundelein Seminary, IL, April 2019

"Hope and Christian Ethics," The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, "Breakfast with an Author" series; Louisville, KY, January 2019 (accepted)

"Hope as a Virtue," invited plenary paper, Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology 2018 Conference on "Hope Today," Loyola University, Baltimore, June 2018

"'Moral Growth in *Amoris Laetitia*,'" Pinckaers Symposium of Moral Theology, University of Notre

Dame, May 2018

“Hope and Christian Ethics,” invited paper, Heythrop College, London

“Hope and Christian Ethics,” invited paper, Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge University; May 2018

“The Enchantment, Desacralization, and Re-enchantment of the World,” invited paper, University of Nottingham, Department of Theology; January 2017

“The Anthropologies of Hope and Despair: Disability and the Euthanasia Debate,” Conference on “Navigating Impasses in Bioethics: End of Life, Disability, and Mental Illness,” The Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge, December 2017

“Christian Hope and Human Society,” Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Conference, Cambridge University, Sept 2017

Plenary book presentation/reception, *Hope and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Conference, Cambridge University, Sept 2017

“Hazarding Inequality: Structural Evils Encoded in Assisted Suicide,” The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Jan 2017

“Theological Hope and Social Identities,” Invited Paper, Cambridge University, Christian Theology Senior Seminar, Nov 2016

“Eschatological Hope and the Earthly City: In What Sense Might Christians be “of” the World?” Invited Paper, Durham University, England, Dept. of Theology Research Seminar, Nov 2016

“Ending Life: Legal, Clinical and Ethical Aspects,” Invited Paper and Panel (with John Keown and Elisabeth Finstein), The Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge, March 2016 (Same paper given at the Kirby Lang Institute for Christian Ethics, Cambridge, March 2016)

“Defining the Relationship Between Health and Well-being in Bioethics,” Symposium: “Navigating Impasses in Bioethics: Rethinking Ill/Health,” Invited Paper, The Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge, Dec 2015

“Hope and ‘Spiritual Youthfulness,’” Association of Teachers of Moral Theology Conference, Hinsley Hall, Leeds, November 2015

“The Limits of Lethal Power in the Nation-State: Assisted Dying as a Test Case” Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Conference, Cambridge University, Sept 2015

“‘You Have Restored the Joy of Our Youth:’ Rejoicing in Hope as a Remedy to Acedia and Despair” Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain Annual Conference, Durham, Sept 2015

“The Theological Virtue of Hope and the Art of Dying,” The McDonald Symposium in Theological Ethics, University of Cambridge, May 2015

- “‘Love Reconciled:’ Why Eschatology is Not a Distraction”
Eschatology and Moral Order Conference, The University of Chicago Divinity School, April 2014
- "The Christian as *Homo Viator*: a Resource in St. Thomas Aquinas for Overcoming ‘Worldly Sin and Sorrow’", The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, January 2014
- “The Need for Hope in Virtue Ethics”
American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Conference, April 2013
- “Do We Have a Desire for Perfect Happiness?”
American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Conference, April 2013
- “God and Natural Law”
Invited lecture, Thomas Aquinas College, Ojai, CA, February 2013
- “Renewing the Bonds between Philosophical and Theological Ethics: the Virtue of Hope as the Way Forward”
“New Wine, New Wineskins” Conference of the Young Catholic Moral Theologians Symposium, July 2012
- “Can Natural Law Theory Be Translated into a Universal Moral Language for Secular Modernity?”
College Theology Society Annual Convention, June 2012
- “Natural Law as Social Pelagianism”
47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2012
- “Family Ethics: Practices for Christians,” Julie Hanlon Rubio (Georgetown University Press, 2010)
Review delivered at The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, “Breakfast with an Author” series, January 2012
- “Who Refuses Joy? The Possibility of Hell in C.S. Lewis”
11th Annual Fall Conference on *Younger Than Sin: Retrieving Simplicity through the Virtues of Humility, Wonder and Joy* hosted by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, November 2010
- “The Capital Sin of Avarice and the Need for a New Asceticism”
10th Annual Fall Conference on *The Summons of Freedom: Virtue, Sacrifice, and the Common Good* hosted by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, November 2009

ACADEMIC TEACHING

The Catholic University of America: 2017-present

Aquinas on Formation in Virtue (Doctoral seminar), Spring 2022

Christian Marriage and the Family (Master’s level), Spring 2022 (2 sections)

Intro to Moral Theology/Ethics (Undergraduate), Fall 2021 (2 sections)
Intro to Moral Theology/Ethics (Undergraduate), Spring 2021 (2 sections)
The Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas (Ph.D. seminar), Fall 2020
The Foundations of Moral Theology (Master's level), Fall 2020 (2 sections)
Christian Marriage and the Family (Master's level), Spring 2020 (2 sections)
The Virtues (Ph.D. seminar: TRS 737), Spring 2018 (1 section)
Intro to Moral Theology/Ethics (Undergraduate), Spring 2019 (2 sections)
The Foundations of Moral Theology (Master's level), Fall 2018 (2 sections)
The Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas (Ph.D. seminar), Fall 2018
The Foundations of Moral Theology (Master's level), Fall 2018 (2 sections)
The Virtues (Ph.D. seminar: TRS 737), Spring 2018 (1 section)
Christian Marriage and Family (Master's level: TRS 631), Spring 2018 (2 sections)
God's Words in Human Words (freshman introductory theology: HSTR 101), Fall 2017 (2 sections)
Christian Social Ethics (Master's level: TRS 632A), Spring 2017 (2 sections)
The Moral Theology of St. Thomas (PhD level: TRS 835B, MT/E Core), Spring 2017

Cambridge University: 2014-2016

Sole Lecturer, 'The Beatitudes', M.Phil Seminar course
(Lent term 2016)
Co-Lecturer (with Dr. Ryan Mullins), 'Ethics and Faith' (B11)
(Lent term, 2015)
Supervisor, 'The Beatitudes' (Mphil Seminar course), 'Ethics and Faith' (B11), 'Doctrine of
God: Love and Desire' (D1) (Lent and Easter term, 2015)
Examiner, M.Phil in Theological and Religious Studies, Faculty of Divinity, University of
Cambridge (Lent term, 2015); Undergraduate Ethics paper D2f (Easter term, 2015)

University of Notre Dame: 2009-2013

Course Instructor, Introduction to Catholic Moral Theology (THEO 20605), University of

Notre Dame (2 Sections, Spring 2013)

Writing and Rhetoric Teaching Practicum

A voluntary one-credit, pass-fail course training graduate students and faculty to help undergraduates of all majors improve their writing; counts as certification to teach “Writing and Rhetoric” course (WR 13100) in the Notre Dame English Department.

Teaching Assistant

Dr. J. Matthew Ashley, Theology Department Chair, University of Notre Dame
THEO20626: *Science and Theology*, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2009)
THEO60252: *Theology After Darwin*, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2009)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, CTSA Administrative Team for Thomas Aquinas Session (June 2021 to present)

Member, Moral Theology Area Committee, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America (Jan 2017 to present)

Member, Doctor of Ministry Committee, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America (Sept 2017 to present)

Manuscript and Peer Reviewer: Cambridge University Press (selected monographs), *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*; *Studies in Christian Ethics*

Adviser, Graduate Applications Committee (M.Phil and Ph.D.), Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2014-2015 Academic Year)

Member, Outreach Committee, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2015 - present)

Member, Christian Theology Subject Committee, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2015 - present)

Member, Philosophy of Religion Subject Committee, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2014 - present)

Co-chair and co-organizer (with Prof. Sarah Coakley): 5th Annual McDonald Symposium on Major Topics in Theological Ethics at the University of Cambridge: ‘Towards a Contemporary Art of Dying.’ (July 2014 – May 2015)

Research Assistant,

University of Notre Dame (Fall 2010- Spring 2011)
Dr. Maura Ryan, John Cardinal O’Hara Associate Professor of Christian Ethics

General Editor & Layout Designer,

Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Newsletter (Fall 2009- Spring 2010)

Research Assistant and Intern,
Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame (Fall 2009- Spring 2010)

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Selected for “Breakfast with an Author” special event, The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting; Louisville, KY, upcoming January 2019 (selection competitive).

Requested in June 2018 to deliver keynote plenary paper on “Hope as a Virtue” at The Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology 2018 Conference on “Hope Today,” Loyola University, Baltimore, June 2018. Full funding provided and \$750 honorarium.

Honored in May 2018 with multiple book launches and receptions: at Heythrop College, London; and Margaret Beaufort Institute, University of Cambridge, for new book, *Hope and Christian Ethics* (CUP, 2017). Full funding provided by Heythrop College, UK.

Partial funding by the Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry at St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge University, to deliver plenary paper on “The Anthropologies of Hope and Despair: Disability and the Euthanasia Debate,” Conference on “Navigating Impasses in Bioethics: End of Life, Disability, and Mental Illness,” Cambridge, December 2017

\$4000 Prize for winning the Templeton Foundation’s Character Project Essay Competition for the article “Passing Through the Sirens: The Trials of the Christian Wayfarer in the World,” in *Touchstone* 25.4. Attended Character Project Research Colloquium in July 2013, so as to receive the prize and present scholarly research (Summer 2013)

Honored in Sept 2017 with a book launch and reception at Cambridge University by the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics for new book, *Hope and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

Elected a Research Associate of the Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry at St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge University, summer 2017.

\$4000 Prize for winning the Templeton Foundation’s Character Project Essay Competition for the article “Passing Through the Sirens: The Trials of the Christian Wayfarer in the World,” in *Touchstone* 25.4. Attended Character Project Research Colloquium in July 2013, so as to receive the prize and present scholarly research (Summer 2013)

Merrill Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, \$1000 (May 2014)

Graduate Student Research Award for “The Christian as Homo Viator,” Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, \$840 (Fall 2013)

The Lewis Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, \$4000 (Summer 2013)

The Abrams Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, \$4000 (Summer 2012)

Graduate Student Professional Development Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts at the University of Notre Dame, \$675 (Spring 2012)

Graduate Student Union at the University of Notre Dame, Conference Presentation Grant, \$250 (Spring 2012)

Passed Ph.D. Candidacy Exams with honors. University of Notre Dame (October 2011)
Full Departmental Fellowship, University of Notre Dame Theology Department (2008-2013 inclusive)

Alpha Sigma Nu Scholarship for Outstanding Entry Student, Regis College, 2005

David and Mary Agnes Bennett Scholarship in Christianity and Culture, St. Michael's College, 2005
Professor Lawrence E. Lynch Scholarship for Excellence in Philosophy, St. Michael's College, 2005
Thomas J. Lang Award for Distinguished Achievement in Faith and Philosophy, St. Michael's College, 2005

Prince of Liechtenstein Catholic Leader's Fellowship, Liechtenstein, 2003

Dean's List, University of Toronto, 2000-2005

LANGUAGE READING PROFICIENCY

Latin
Koine Greek
French
German

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
The Society of Christian Ethics
The Society for the Study of Christian Ethics
The Catholic Theological Society of Great Britain

REFERENCES

Jean Porter, John A. O'Brien Chair in Theological Ethics, 431 Malloy Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN: Jean.Porter.3@nd.edu; 574-631-6565 (Thesis Adviser, Dissertation Committee Chair)

Sarah Coakley, Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9BS: sc545@cam.ac.uk; 01223 763002

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